

Huge sewer through OMI?

A 20 to 50-foot sewer running east and west 20 feet underground through the OMI may be part of the final plan for the \$1.5 billion San Francisco Wastewater Management Program.

Not identified in the materials now being distributed by the Wastewater Management Program, the huge "cross-town transfer" pipe, possibly as big as the one planned down the Great

Highway in the Sunset District, would transport treated sewage to the ocean from the proposed Southeast treatment plant in the Bayview District. In addition, as many as three 16-inch "forced sludge mains" would run from the proposed Richmond-Sunset Control Plant near the zoo to the Bayview plant.

Now the questions are: where are these systems going to go? and how will the

community be disrupted if such construction takes place?

A cost, engineering and environmental impact study for this cross-town line may begin this summer, according to Linda Ferbert, the Community Liaison Coordinator for the program.

"I want to stress that no decision has been made as to when, where or even if it is going to be built," said

Ferbert. "This is all quite a way off and it is all going to be evaluated through a number of studies. No decision will be made without a series of public hearings."

But even at this point, Henry Jefferson, the OMI-CA representative on the Mayor's Wastewater Management Committee has reservations about the project, which may take up to ten years to complete and will leave the city with an

obligation of at least \$300 million.

"The public is going to have to watch this thing as it develops," he said. "Otherwise they are going to have something come up on them and they won't have any idea how it got there."

"There's a lot of politics being played with this whole thing. The city has yet to come up with an overall master plan as to how they're going to pay for and maintain the project."



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Housing rehabilitation plan proposed

A second public meeting concerning a proposed housing rehabilitation project for the Ingleside District will be held tomorrow night at the St. Emydius library at 255 Jules Ave.

The initial target area for the project, which would be strictly voluntary and would not require mandatory code enforcement, is bounded by Ocean Avenue on the north, Lee Avenue on the east, Lakeview Avenue on the south, and Ashton Avenue on the west. Approximately 1400 dwellings are in the area.

Backed by the State of California Housing Finance Agency, the City Planning Department, and the Housing Conservation Institute (HCI), the project would provide low-interest loans (approximately 7 1/2%) for home improvements, refinancing or purchase of a home by an owner/occupant.

Income limits for eligibility would be based on 120% of median family

income as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Under these ceilings a family of three could earn \$19,500 per year; a family of four could earn \$22,000.

It is estimated that up to 65% of the occupants of the target area could qualify for

the program, which could run for a two to three year period and could be under way by early summer.

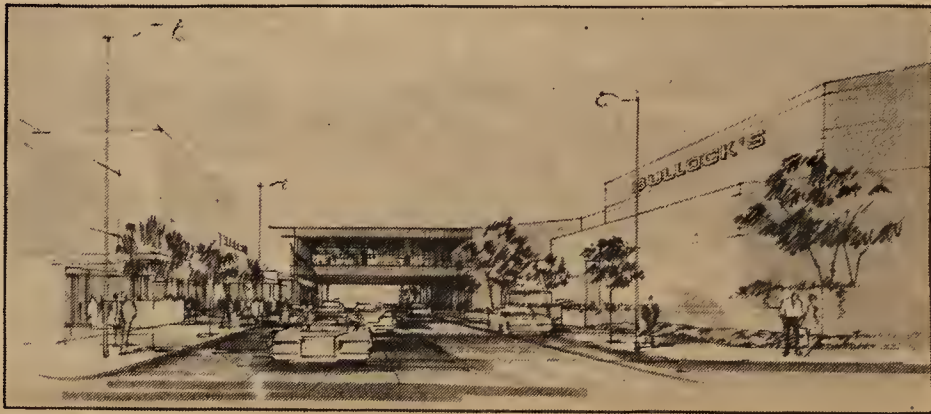
Representatives from the State Housing Finance Agency, City Planning and HCI were at a public meeting Feb. 5 sponsored by the OMI-CA to answer questions about the proposed project.

Nat Taylor of City Planning said that the city was backing the project in response to a request by the OMI-CA for a low-cost rehabilitation program for the OMI. He said no federal or other state rehabilitation program was likely to be available to the area in the near future.

As to why the Ingleside District had been chosen as the initial target area, Taylor said that on the basis of data studied, it was decided that the Ingleside was best suited for the program, which calls for high home ownership, income levels within the



City planner Nat Taylor: "The intent of the program would be to upgrade this community."



Construction of the multi-million dollar Bullock's Department Store got under way last month in Stonestown Shopping Center. The three-story, 172,000 square-foot building on the site of the former City of Paris Store is slated for completion by spring, 1978. It will incorporate a five-level parking deck, 73 departments, a Tea House restaurant and a beauty salon. A glassed-in bridge over Winston Drive will connect the third floor of the new store with the Stonestown Mall. It is estimated that 150 people will be at work on the site each day during the next month of construction.

Shrubs, a roller rink? and more

—by Margaret Dorn

Upon approval of their respective itemized budgets, the persons most responsible for securing funds from the Mayor's Neighborhood Bicentennial Awards Project will finally receive the money they worked so long to get.

Carmen Trasvina and Henry Jefferson will receive a grant of \$2600 to complete the planting of orchid rock rose shrubs along two blocks of easement strip on Junipero Serra Blvd. between Holloway and 19th Aves.

"The land has been cleared; the planting is all that remains to be done," Mrs. Trasvina said.

Due to the efforts of Lonnie Lawson, the OMI-CA will receive \$5400 for equipping the new mini-park on Brotherhood Way at Head St.

"We need a light pole, picnic tables and benches, outdoor cooking facilities, trash receptacles, shrubbery and building blocks for a secure barrier along Brotherhood Way before we can proceed," Lawson said. A basketball court has already been blacktopped and some trees have been planted at the site.

"In addition, we've asked for 38 trash receptacles to be installed along Ocean Ave., Broad St. and Randolph St.," he said.

Tom Smith, president of Southwest Neighborhood Improvement Group, has been granted \$12,000 from Bicentennial funds toward construction of a portable skating rink at Ocean View Recreation Center. But he is seeking \$53,000 more for the project.

"We've had full cooperation from the Ocean View people and we've appealed to Rec/Park for aid," Smith said. "This would be the only roller rink in the city. We plan a package deal of skate rental and use of the rink for \$1.25 on two nights a week. Portable floors are a reality — there's one in South San Francisco. Ocean View is accessible; a rink here would be a recreation boon to local youngsters."

OMI Calendar

OMI-CA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
5 & 19-10 a.m. to noon. 1st Sat. Board business only; 3rd Sat. Community comments, grievances and committee reports.

OMI-CA COMMITTEES
7 OMI Street Fair, 8 p.m.
8, 15 & 22 — OMI News, 10:30 a.m.
10 Benefit Golf Tournament, 8 p.m.
All above meetings are at 201 Granada and open to the general public. Please phone 584-8188 for confirmation.

OPEN NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS
1 Ecumenical Parish of OMI, Potluck Dinner & Meeting. Speaker from Food Advisory Service. Temple United Methodist Church, 1111 Junipero Serra Blvd. at 19th Ave. Use Beverly St. entrance. 6:45-8:45 p.m.
1 Public Library Com-

missioners meet at Ingleside Library. 387 Ashton. 7:00 p.m.
1 League of Women Voters' Neighborhood Discussion Group. 10 Lunado Way. Topic: United Nations. 7:30 p.m.
1 Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. Agenda: May Sunnyside Street Fair; stop sign proposals (guest: Norman Bray, DPW). St. Finn Barr's Hall, Edna & Hearst. 8 p.m.
2 Public meeting on proposed housing rehabilitation for Ingleside area bounded by Lee, Ocean, Ashton, Lakeview Aves. St. Emydius Library (above gym), 255 Jules. 7:30 p.m.
2 Southwest Neighborhood Improvement Group (SNIG). General Meeting. 139 Broad Street. 7:30 p.m.
5, 12, 19 & 26 4-H Club. All youth 5 to 18 invited. 139 Broad St. at 11 a.m.

8 Concerned Black Parents of Lowell. 201 Granada/Holloway at 7:30 p.m.
9 What Improvements for Brooks Property (Ramsell at Shields; behind Jose Ortega School). Jose Ortega School Auditorium, Sargent at Ramsell. 7:30 p.m.
10 Ingleside Terrace Homes Association. 30 Cerritos. 7:30 p.m.
19 Community Parents' Group. Potluck Dinner & Meeting. Ocean View Recreation Center. 7:00 p.m.
22 OMI Crime Prevention Task Force. Pilgrim Community Church, 400 Randolph. 7:30 p.m.

FUTURE EVENTS
May 22 OMI Street Fair. Specific time, place & program to be announced.
August 27 OMI-CA Annual Benefit Golf Tournament at Franklin Canyon, Rodeo, CA.

May 22

OMI Street Fair

OMI residents can mark on their calendars the afternoon of Sunday, May 22, as the tentative date of the next OMI International Street Fair.

The format of the event will probably be similar to that of the very successful September OMI Street Fair, which was attended by more than 1500 people: Holloway Avenue between Granada and Faxon as the site; a large stage featuring continuous entertainment; special guests and events; a

blend of informational and commercial booths; and a general atmosphere of good will as OMI residents and their friends intermingle for a day.

All persons interested in joining committee chairwoman Veronica Hunnicutt with the plans for the event can attend the next OMI-CA Street Fair Committee meeting, March 7 at 8 p.m., or call the OMI-CA office at 584-8188 with suggestions or information as to how you would like to help.

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President of the OMI-CA

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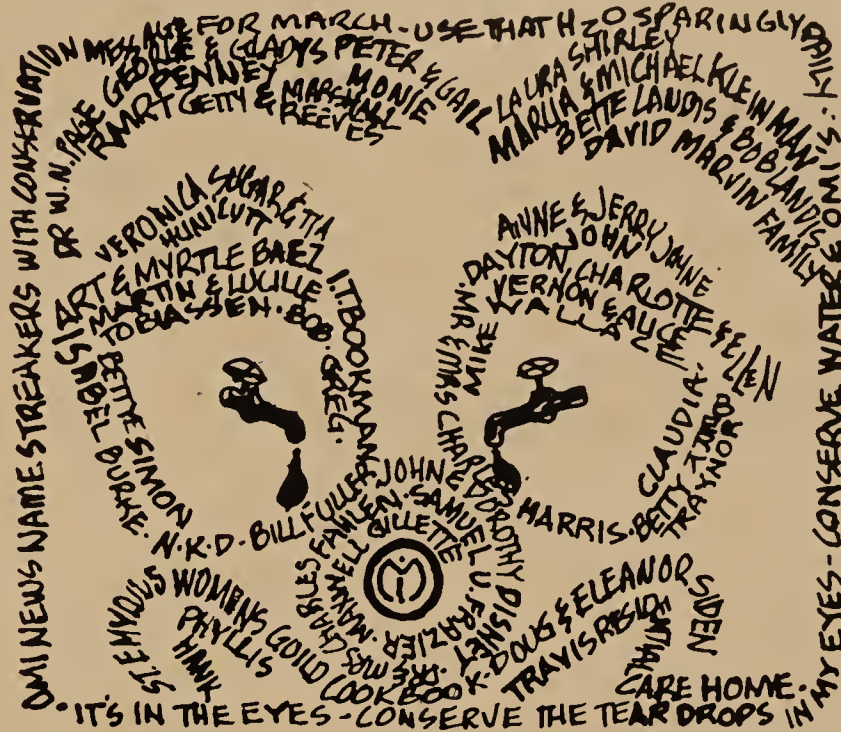
Brooks Property meeting

Membership goal

Our 1977 goal is to raise the total of OMI-CA memberships to 500. Become an OMI-CA member this month and do your part to support us in our work to "maintain and enhance the quality of the OMI community."

Mail to: 201 Granada Ave., S. F., CA 94112 - - -

Our office at 201 Granada Ave. is available for meetings for your block club or other group, as long as there is no other meeting scheduled



From the readers

Letters of comment are welcome, concerning either articles published in the paper or community issues that need be aired. The deadline is the 15th of the month. We reserve the right to edit letters.

In recognition . . .

A member of Fellowship Church, Dr. Page has also worked in many community affairs throughout the Bay Area.

OMI NEWS needs your help

— Inform us of the community news that you think is important. The 15th of the month is the deadline for all announcements and news copy.

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OMI Pet Shops

Today's Pets: not all what they used to be

Two green iguanas, male and female, move slowly about a glass enclosure against the front window. Tarantulas in glass jars line the shelves; and about two dozen snakes, ranging from a small garter snake to a 40-pound Boa Constrictor, are housed in separate compartments.

Formerly a veterinary assistant, he says that the shop is basically "a hobby that pays the bills." Much of their business comes from a sort of "clan" of reptile pet owners in the Bay Area. One of his main interests is to help eliminate the fears that most people feel toward reptiles. He regularly packs

biggest selling item right now.

"They're great conversation pieces," he says. "I've never seen one bite but if it did it would be like a bee sting, that's all." But he adds that they will attack other animals.

"Spiders are loners. They can't be put with anything because they'll eat them," he says.

Another unusual pet store in the OMI is the Black Coral, at 109 Sagamore, which is the only black-owned and operated tropical and marine fish shop in the Bay Area.

Owners James Mitchell and Harold Harris both grew up in the OMI and graduated from Balboa High School. Mitchell, too, says he considers the business the outgrowth of a hobby.

Adjoining the main room of the shop with tanks as large as 240 gallons and a full line of fish and aquarium supplies, is the Fish Room with a hand-painted mural on the walls of the room lighted only by the illuminated fish tanks. With soft music in the background, customers are invited to view the several dozen varieties of fish, ranging from the tiny neon tetras to the large "Red Devils." There are Bala Sharks, graceful Arowanas and the beautiful spotted Pimelodellas.

On each tank is a description of the origin and habitat of each variety of fish and instructions for their proper care.

"Most of the people who come to us know how to care

for the fish," says Mitchell, "but we're always willing to teach people how to maintain an aquarium and take care of fish."

As a special service to regular customers, someone from Black Coral will come out to inspect home aquariums or try to help with some problem that can't be taken care of at the shop.

Complementing the specialized shops of Black Coral and San Francisco Reptilia is Ocean Avenue's Crown Pet Shop, which offers the most complete array of pet supplies and services in the OMI.

The shoplady, Ann, says that kids are her best customers.

"We get a lot of questions asked all the time," she says. "We take our time with the children, show them things in the books and explain things to them."

Another important part of her business is to serve pet-loving adults.

"To some people their pets are as important as their children," she says. "I think some people would go without to feed their pets."

In addition to parakeets and canaries, tropical fish, tarantulas, and other pets for sale, the shop stocks a complete line of pet supplies and accessories, including a special car seat for a dog or cat. Grooming services for dogs and cats and boarding



Rick Swiatly and his pet Green Iguana: Swiatly regularly visits school classrooms, introducing children to his harmless boa constrictor, other snakes, lizards and tarantulas.

for all animals other than dogs are also available.

Some of the less traditional pets currently becoming popular, Ann says, are crickets, which some people keep because the

sound reminds them of the country, and tarantulas, now very popular with children.

"Children are always interested in new pets and something different," she says.



James Mitchell with some friends in the Fish Room of the BLACK CORAL, the only black owned-and operated tropical and marine fish store in the Bay Area.

Sound like a visit to the laboratory of a mad zoologist? Not really. The scene described above is San Francisco Reptilia on Ocean Avenue, one of only a few shops in the Bay Area specializing in the sale of reptiles.

Owners Rick Swiatly and Roy Treas moved to Ocean Avenue about nine months ago from their former location in the Richmond District.

Swiatly, 26, who came to California from Chicago about nine years ago for a two-week vacation and has never been back, says he's an "animal freak from way back."

up a Green Iguana, a Boa Constrictor, some other snakes, some lizards and tarantulas and heads for a school classroom.

"I go for young kids because childhood is when they build their fears," he says. "I've gone to a school and had some kid go "aaaghh" when he sees the animals, but by the time I leave he will be holding all of them. The big snake and the tarantulas are the kids' favorites."

One myth that is difficult to overcome, he says, is that the Mexican Red-legged Tarantulas are harmful. These animals are his

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ocean View Park focus of meeting

The problems of vagrancy and vandalism in and around the Ocean View Playground will be the focus of the March 22 meeting of the OMI Crime Prevention Task Force.

The meeting will be held at Pilgrim Community Church, 400 Randolph St., at 8 p.m. All residents are invited.

A coalition of ministers in the Ocean View District is now working to encourage more Ocean View residents to get actively involved with the problems of crime in the area.

At a February 15 task force meeting Tom Smith of SNIG, the co-chairman of the task force, proposed that block clubs be set up throughout the OMI and that a board made up of all block captains meet at least one night per month.

Also at that meeting was Anthony Jackson, an assistant coordinator for the Citizen's Safety Project. He said that applications were being taken for a full-time crime prevention coordinator for the Ingleside Police District. Aiding this coordinator will be two part-time assistants. The three will soon be working to help citizens in the OMI and other parts of the police district to help stem the rising crime rate.

Actor's Class offered at State

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For more information, call 469-1341.

Fine Art Auction at Lowell High

Works of Picasso, Dali, Miro, Chagall, Hollingsworth and Lambert, among other award-winning international artists, will be auctioned at Lowell High School on Friday evening, March 25th, at an exhibition of exclusive editions of graphics, oils, and watercolors.

The exhibition at the school, 1101 Eucalyptus Avenue, will open at 7:00 p.m. for an hour of viewing before the auction begins at 8:00 o'clock. A piece of fine art will be given as a door prize.

"We expect to show works of art for every taste and every pocketbook," promises Charlotte Berk, PTA president.

Proceeds of the auction will be used to provide services to students and materials for the school's resource centers.

Nutrition Program for OMI Seniors

Ingleside Presbyterian Church at 1345 Ocean Ave. is now the site of a Mission Rebels Nutrition Program for senior citizens. Any person 60 or over is eligible for this program, which provides hot meals and social services Mondays through Fridays from noon to 1 p.m.

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Lowell High recycle days

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Proceeds from glass, aluminum and tin go to finance camping trips for Lowell students; proceeds from newspaper go to benefit The Boy Scouts of America.

Ingleside Branch has story hours

Pre-school Story Time for children ages 3-5 is held weekly on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Ingleside Branch Library (387 Ashton Ave.) The program's primary purpose is to introduce the children to the best in children's literature and to spark in them an interest in books at an early age.

Mercy High class to hold reunion

The Mercy High School Class of 1957 is now making plans for their 20th Anniversary reunion. A commemorative mass, special school tour and luncheon are presently slated for May 14. The luncheon scheduled to follow the mass and tour will be held at the Olympic Club. All members of the Class of 1957 are invited.

For more information concerning this event please call Sue Hanlon (now Mrs. Michael Ruane) at 585-3123 or the Mercy High School Development Office at 334-0525.

Special music service set for Beth Israel Judea

On Friday evening, March 18, The Temple Beth Israel Judea will resound with the special music of the Jews — Yiddish, Hebrew, Ladino, Chassidic. Voices will be heard; instrumentalists will play; dancers will perform for a breathtaking evening.

All members of the community are welcome to attend. Services will begin at 8:30 p.m. with Rabbi Herbert Morris and Cantor Henry Greenberg officiating. The Sisterhood of Beth Israel Judea will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat which will immediately follow services.

Four OMI youth in choir concert

Four OMI young people are members of the L.M. Meachom Choir which will perform in concert March 20, 1977, at 4 p.m. at Jones Memorial Church, 1975 Post Street.

The OMI youth are: Felton Brown, Lisa Gatewood, Martin McCoy and Jackie McCoy.

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Neighborhood Association Poses Historical Puzzles

by Marsha Fontes

The Ingleside Terrace Association is seeking historical information about its area.

Residents of the OMI can help by lending any photographs and letters to the Association for duplication. In addition, residents can call Marsha Fontes, 584-5703, to relate any personal experience that would be of historical interest.

The information doesn't have to be concerning just Ingleside Terrace proper since the history of the surrounding neighborhoods has sometimes had more effect on the Terrace than that of the neighborhood itself. Consider the opening of the West Portal Tunnel in 1917, and its effect on this part of the city, or the building of the #12 Trolley down Ocean Ave.

We especially need to know (1) Who owned the Ingleside Race Track property before the track was built? (2) Who was Mrs. Mary Winchester "The Mother of the Ingleside"? (3) Where did she live? (4) Which house did Joseph Leonard build? (5) Was there a farm on Paloma, just off Junipero Serra Blvd., that went with the windmill there? (6) Where are the wells that watered the area and are any still in operation? (7) Who was the first Black family that moved into the neighborhood and (8) When was the Ingleside Inn torn down, what did it look like and who owned it then?

These and many other questions need answers. If you have any information, please call us or put your information in a letter addressed to Marsha Fontes, 545 Junipero Serra Blvd.

Muni Railway urges more use of new line

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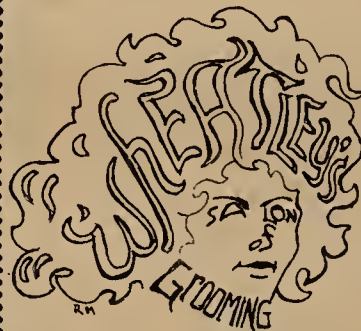
The #92-Balboa Park Shuttle is designed to serve morning and evening rush hour patrons in the vicinity of Ocean Ave. with direct service to the Balboa Park BART station Monday through Friday. It is an

interim measure until extension of the "K" line is completed. The #92 operates at 10-minute intervals, leaving Junipero Serra and Sloat Blvds. from 6:35 to 8:25 a.m., and again from 4:12 to 5:42 p.m. From Balboa BART station at the opposite end of the line, the morning schedule reads 6:49 to 8:19 a.m. and the afternoon schedule 3:55 to 5:55 p.m.

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PASTOR STRESSES PERSONAL GROWTH

by Frances Marvin

Rev. Chester McCall, the new pastor of Pilgrim Community Church on Randolph Street, lives at ease with change. He grew to maturity in changing times.

Whether keeping office hours in a colorful dashiki, meeting the community in a black suit with clerical collar, heavy crucifix and blond boots, or preaching with a black robe over his lime-green suit, Rev. McCall wears the new freedom of dress with easy dignity. Whether discussing theology or explaining his second profession of Transactional Analysis, he stresses the importance of opening up to hear and discover and grow.

"What it means to be a Christian," he says, "depends on the values and the political, social and economic structure of the society and times we have to respond to. The only constant is God; everything else changes."

The crucifix on his chest marks the beginning and end of one quest. Chester McCall was a Catholic for his first twelve years in San Francisco, Marin City and East Palo Alto. Later he worshipped with the Methodists, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the church of the Holy Sanctifier. He

worked for the Salvation Army, the Episcopal Church, and the United Church of Christ in various ways before choosing what he calls "the liberal and creative climate" of the United Church of Christ and finding his present congregation.

Recruited in 1967 as one of the first seven American blacks to attend Southern Oregon College in Ashland, he began as a major in drama and literature. He played leading roles in children's plays and co-authored and produced a musical comedy that year. But the black hero of "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground" had to be played by a white student on that campus, where news of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's death was to bring

Oregon's first Black Student Union with a membership of about 250 faculty and students, with auxiliaries in the high schools, he persuaded one of his sociology professors to offer the first Black Studies course.

Transferring to California State University at San Jose in 1969, he became even more actively involved with social problems. At one point he was working four hours a day in a day-care center, carrying 18 units of university courses, and serving as foster parent for a multi-ethnic trio of teenagers, two having problems with drugs or alcohol and a third labeled "retarded." Each young man's increasing success with his problems and studies confirmed Chester's

has designed and directed various youth programs and coordinated volunteers in programs helping young people prepare for employment and providing temporary "crisis pads" for youth from 14 to 25 years of age.

A valuable tool in all the group decisions and counseling is Transactional Analysis, in which Rev. McCall has trained and worked since 1972. He sees his religious calling and his counseling skills as extending and supporting each other, both in serving his congregation and in private practice.

Responses to Chester and Susan McCall's interracial marriage also reflect our changing times. Resignations and dissension in an all-white congregation



The Rev. Chester McCall knows both the stage and the drama of people's real lives.

until the McCalls are able to move into Pilgrim's attractive parsonage in OMI.

When asked about plans and programs for the church and the neighborhood, Rev. McCall explains, "If I came in with my own ideas of doing things for people, they would be sure to turn out as inappropriate. I can discuss people's concerns with them and try to help them find ways to do what they see to be done. I'm not a crusader or a rescuer or persecutor, but a spiritual realist."

While serving as pastor at Pilgrim Community Church, Rev. McCall will also devote one-fourth of his ministry to developing a multicultural community of worship and appreciation among six different ethnic churches, including First

Congregational Church of San Francisco, St. John United Church of Christ, the Chinese Congregational Church, the First Samoan Congregation, and Calvary Armenian United Church of Christ, along with his own predominantly Black congregation.

The 28-year-old minister emphasizes that our society cannot hope to wipe out problems like crime, poverty and discrimination directly. However, when people stop evading problems and face them, adjusting themselves to the realities, they can come closer to changing the conditions which brought them about. The first step is to develop those skills and understandings that will help us function within the human condition.

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cheers in the dining hall, and the minority students had to go home early in their first spring to ease local tension.

In his second year, young Chester focused on sociology and psychology, responding to general student unrest. As president of Southern

faith in the power of love, shared responsibility and mutually affirmed value and respect.

Working for the Salvation Army in cooperation with public agencies, as well as for two other churches during the past six years, he

where he was assisting contrast with the recent decision of Pilgrim Community Church to appoint him as their pastor. The couple met while working at a day-care center in San Jose, where Susan will continue to teach at least

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Recreation professional Janie Redmond

Janie Redmond returns to Ocean View

by Margaret Dorn

Janie Redmond has returned to Ocean View Recreation Center, an event which seems to make a great many people very happy. It's registered in the faces and the attitudes of those who work and play there, and in the comments of nearby residents.

For reasons of seniority, Mrs. Redmond was replaced as director of the center last July. This past January, the City Recreation and Parks Department saw fit to reassign her to Ocean View.

This tall, assured young woman has an air both warm and cool.

"I love people," she says. "I love working with kids, especially handicapped kids. I've worked with the Special Olympics (for disabled youngsters) from its inception. Now, that's REAL! What those children and those people accomplish is REAL!"

"I've done other things. I tried modeling for awhile — fashion modeling, photographic and television

modeling. In fact, late-night television watchers might catch a glimpse of me in "Freebie and the Bean" — in the Superbowl scene shot at Candlestick Park — about three seconds," she laughed. "But this is my life now, and it's good."

The ninth in a family of ten children, she came to

'This is my life now, and it's good.'

California at the age of 3 with her parents, six sisters and three brothers. Her father worked in the construction industry and she played at the Jackson Playground when the family settled on Potrero Hill.

Growing up, she first wanted to be a doctor. After Balboa High School, she began a pre-med course at S.F. City College, an ambition superseded in those years by an interest in the arts. Not until she

entered San Francisco State and started to think seriously about a career did she consider the social sciences as her vocation. From there she went to her first job in that field — at the Youth Guidance Center.

A single parent of two, Mrs. Redmond speaks with quiet pride of her daughter Bridgette, attending Notre Dame High School; her son, Marlon, a senior at University of San Francisco and a star player with the nation's #1 basketball team, the "Dons," and her mother, who's "a lovely 89 years."

Janie Redmond talks about recreation as if she's given a lot of thought to the original meaning of the word. "Recreation is just that — a re-creating," she says. "This is where caring is generated — for yourself, for others. Serenity? Well, for me it's just a good feeling."

If Mrs. Redmond is an example of her philosophy, Ocean View Recreation Center is a good place to be.

Welcome back, Janie.

Ingleside housing rehabilitation

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guidelines, and an area which would benefit from overall neighborhood improvement.

Taylor also said that the acceptance of this program would not shut out the possibility of other programs coming into the area.

"In fact the reverse might be true," he said. "In a sense you have your foot in the door for other things."

"The intent of the program

would be to upgrade this community," he said, adding that the city planning department would work with the OMI-CA to decide on some specific neighborhood improvements which could be done as part of the city's contribution to the project.

It was agreed at the meeting that all owners and occupants in the proposed target area would be contacted by letter informing them of the

specifics of the program. Roy Jackson, president of the OMI-CA, said that he did not feel that the OMI-CA could endorse the project until at least 50% of the residents in the proposed target area gave their approval to the idea.

Any OMI resident wishing more information about the proposed project or wishing to voice an opinion on it is asked to call the OMI-CA at 584-8188 or HCI at 586-8000.

Who will do what?

If the project is begun, the responsibilities for each organization or agency would be:

* THE CITY would submit the project application to the state and sign a contract after approval by the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Department staff and Mayor's Office of Community Development would work with the OMI on an overall planning and public improvements program for the area.

* THE STATE would give final approval to the project and would subsidize loans made by private lending institutions. There would be two basic options: long-term financing for acquisition and rehabilitation or rehabilitation and refinancing at 7 1/2%, 30 years; or shorter term rehabilitation loans at 7 1/2 - 7 3/4% interest, 12 years, with a maximum amount of \$10,000 for

single family or \$25,000 for up to 5 units.

* THE OMI-CA would serve as the community organization to oversee the project, to see that participation in the program was carried out on a non-discriminatory basis and to prevent "speculators" from buying and rehabilitating housing for their personal gain as absentee landlords.

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OMI MERCHANT

Association president expresses confidence

by George Fulmore

Any revitalization of the Ocean Avenue commercial strip may depend heavily on the leadership of Roger Miles, the newly elected president of the Ocean Avenue Merchants Association.

Originally from Seattle, Miles, a strong-willed and confident man has been a plumbing and general contractor in San Francisco for about 18 years. Two years ago he purchased the building at 1417 Ocean Ave. as the base of operations for his company, which specializes in home remodeling, but does jobs ranging from construction of apartments to fixing plugged-up drains.

Miles thinks that Ocean Avenue is a good location for his city-wide business because it is close to the freeway and within a short drive of any area in the city. His buildings, fronted by a showroom of kitchen and bathroom displays, is one of the most attractive on the street.

Miles' personal confidence comes out in simple terms when he evaluates why his business is a success in the highly competitive construction field.

"I'm good," he says. "That's the only reason you ever do well at anything. You have to do better than someone else."

In addition to being a hard worker and a voracious

reader of "anything I don't know anything about," Miles is currently putting his positive attitude to work for the merchants association. Although he has a "varied business background," and has formerly been active in

business comes from outside the OMI, he feels that it is essential for most merchants on the street to attract more nearby residents. In the future he would like to see a better variety of shops and services

protection. He is disgusted by his first encounter with city bureaucracy. After two months of sending letters and calling the Traffic and Engineering Department about slowing the Ocean Avenue traffic, he received a



Contractor Roger Miles advises Yvonne Oliver on a rendition for a kitchen remodeling. Office manager Lorean Park looks on.

business organizations, this is the first time he has been involved in a merchants association.

"I'm in it because I'm socially minded," he says. "I don't want to have the street go like other streets in the city — streets where people are afraid to shop and where shops have their windows boarded up. That's not good for the community at large and it's not good for the merchants."

His personal estimate is that only about 20% of the total sales on Ocean Avenue come from nearby residents. Although much of his own

catering to the needs of the OMI as well as some group advertising, and sale days.

As for the association, he thinks the members have elected a "good group" to serve as their board of directors.

"We're planning to do whatever is possible to improve the street," he says. "The first thing is to get all the merchants on the street to join. At that point we will have the base to accomplish things politically."

Miles wants the group to demand improved city services, including better maintenance and cleaning of the street, and better police

phone call from the department telling him that they didn't think any changes were necessary to control the traffic.

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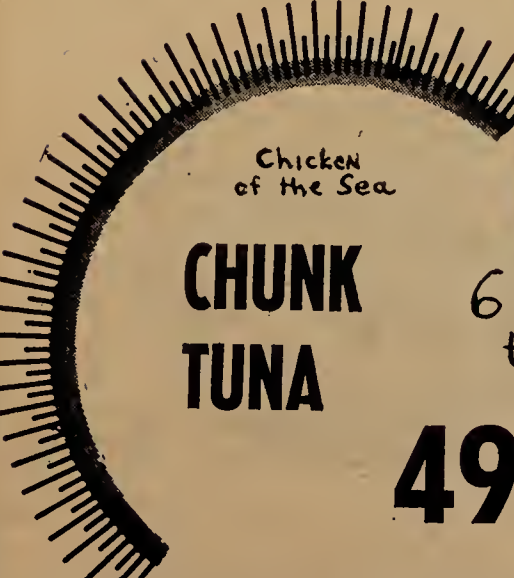
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